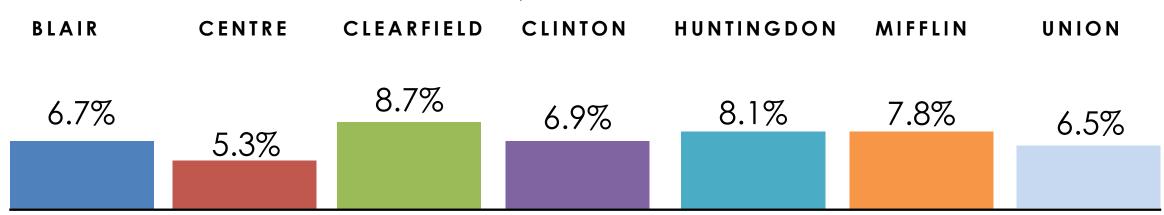
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Unemployment rates for the civilian labor force age 16 and older

2014 5-year annual estimate



Unemployment rates in **Centre County** have historically been lower than the unemployment neighboring rates in counties. While a lower unemployment rate is a positive economic indicator, considering prospective companies relocating to the region may question whether a local labor force will be available from which to draw. It is critical that we explore further on a regional level the existing labor force. We can also delve into

who is not in the labor force— and maybe form some guided assumptions as to why individuals choose not to participate in the labor force.

The civilian labor force (what we typically just call the labor force) is defined by:

- Persons age 16 and older, AND
- Persons not considered for active military duty, AND
- Persons not in correctional, behavioral,

or long-term healthcare facilities, AND

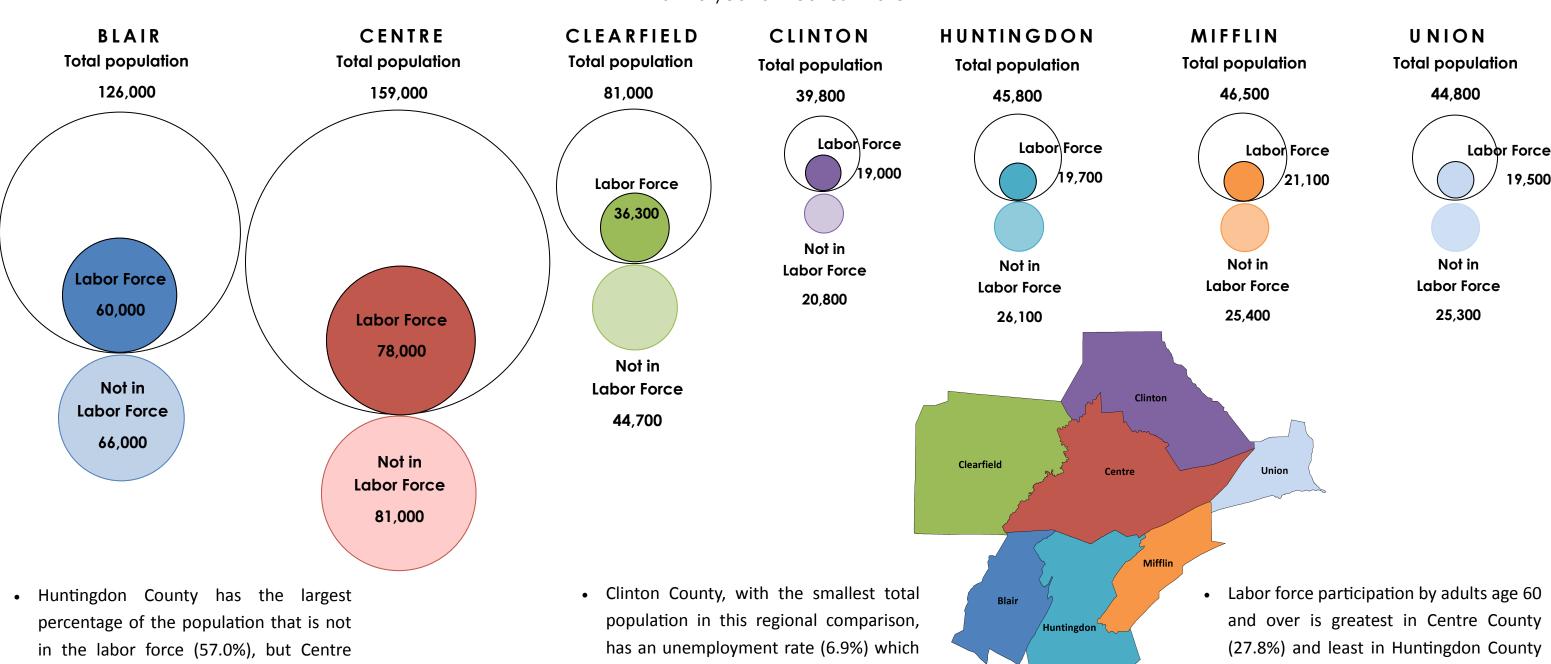
- Persons actively seeking employment,
 AND
- Persons who have not become discouraged in looking for employment and stopped job searching.

The availability and the willingness to work are key parameters defining the labor force—for both employed and unemployed workers.

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Population in the labor force vs. population not in the labor force with total population

2014 5-year annual estimate



have very similar trends in both population and labor force participation.

Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Union Counties

not in the labor force (81,000).

County has the largest number of people

· Centre County has the largest population overall and the greatest number of youth under age 16.

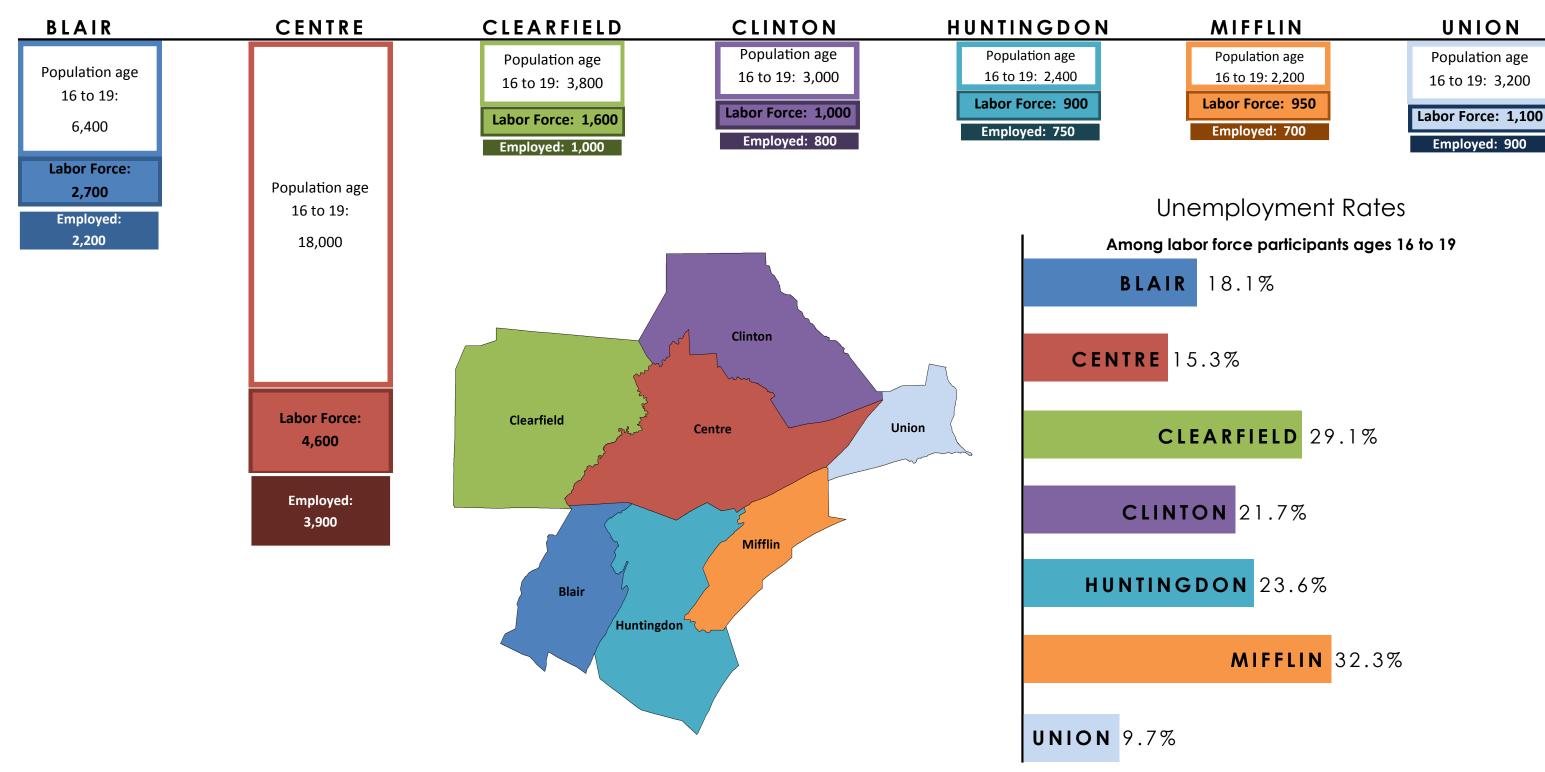
unemployment rates.

is the mid-point of all the County's

(21.5%).

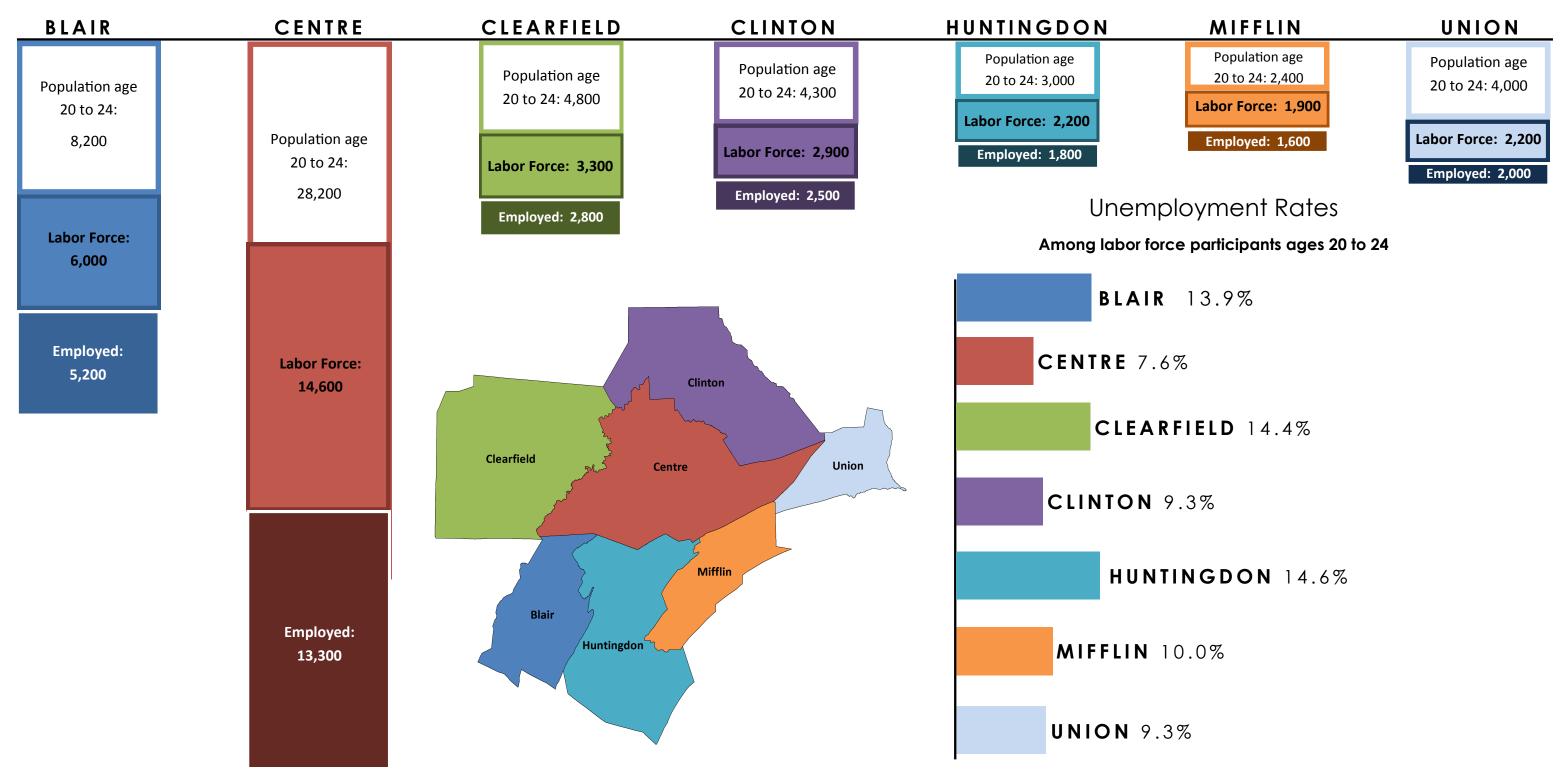
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Labor Force Trends for the Trailing-Edge Millennials (ages 16 to 19, born 1995 - 1998)



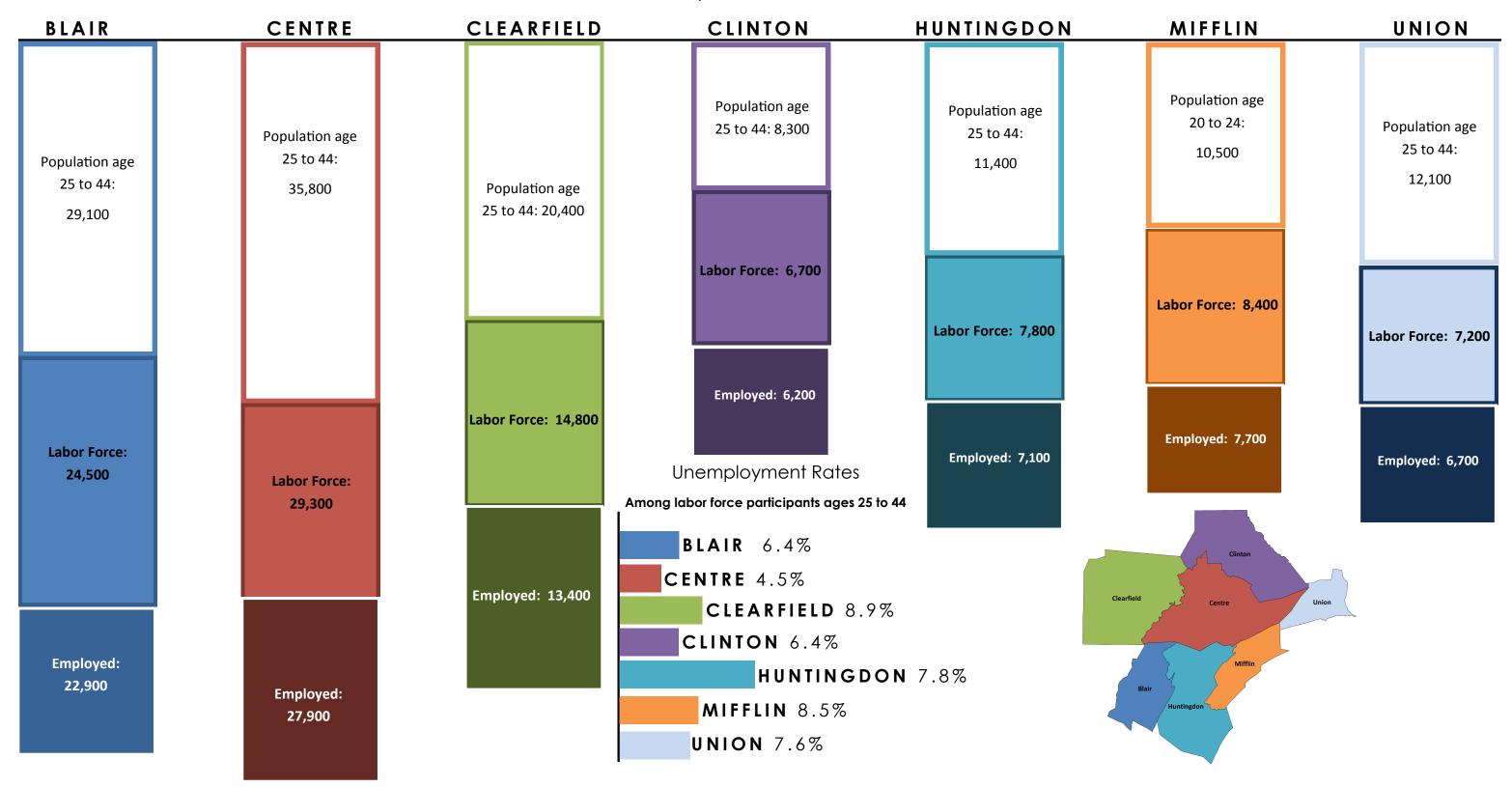
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Labor Force Trends for the Core Millennials (ages 20 to 24, born 1990 - 1994)



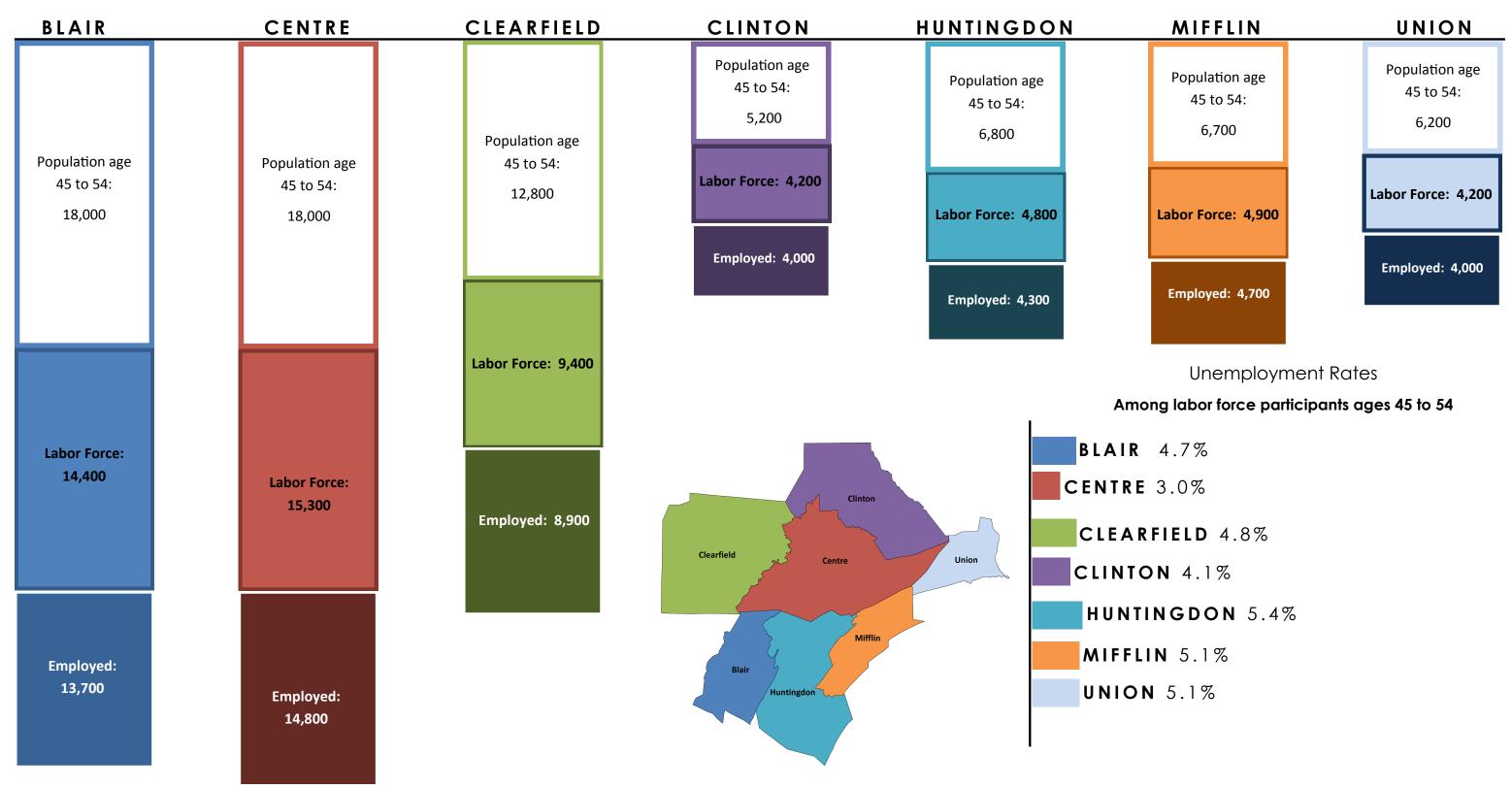
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Labor Force Trends for the Core Generation Xers and the Leading-Edge Millennials (ages 25 to 44, born 1970 - 1989)



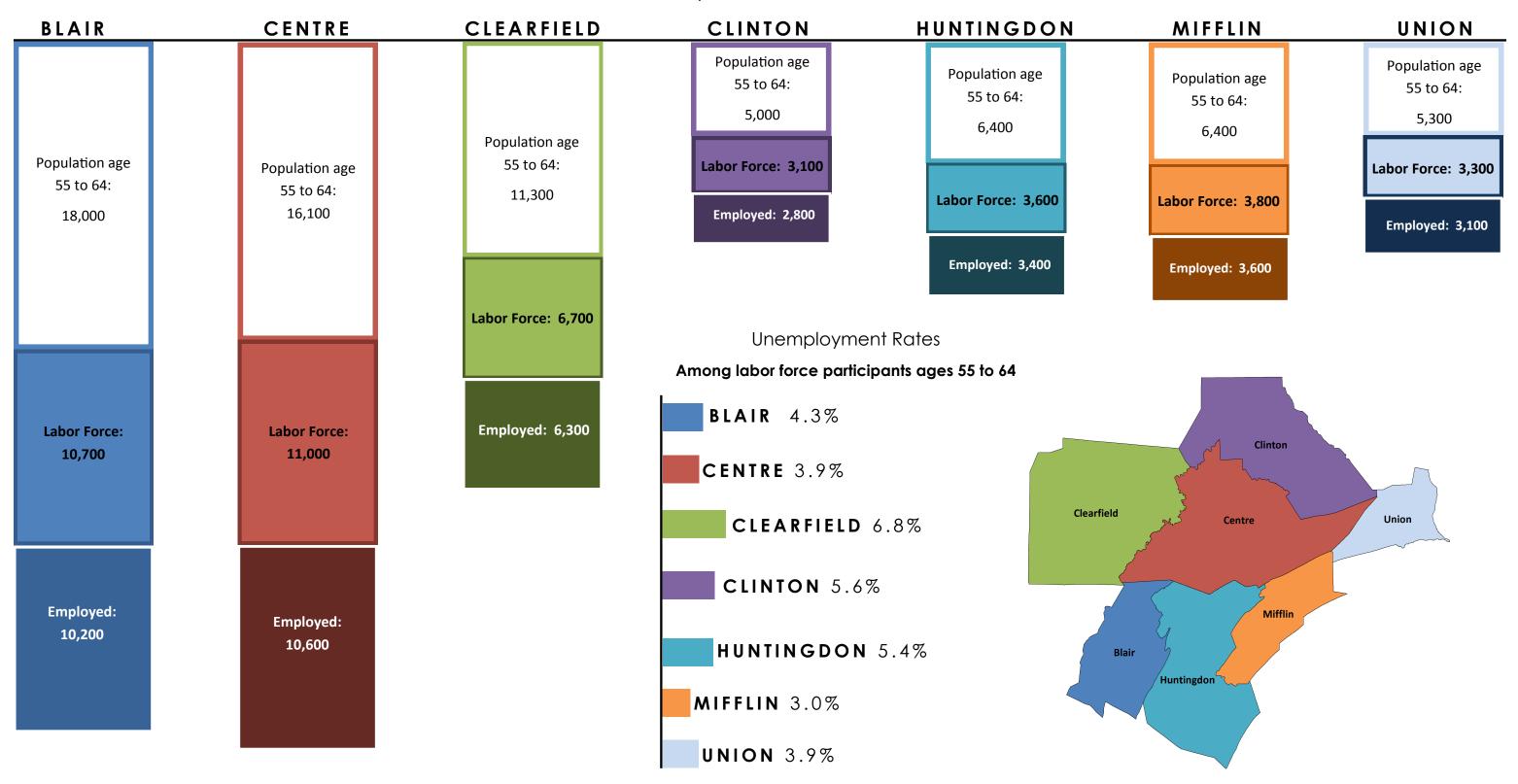
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Labor Force Trends for the Late Baby Boomers and the Leading-Edge Generation Xers (ages 45 to 54, born 1960 - 1969)



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Labor Force Trends for the Core Baby Boomers (ages 55 to 64, born 1950 - 1959)



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Unemployment rates can have significant impacts on any particular age cohort. As presented on the previous pages, we look at employment statistics by age groups for persons just entering the labor force, the core labor force, and persons near or nearing retirement.

Unemployment rates in counties adjacent to Centre County have historically always been slightly higher. When we pair unemployment rates in these counties with the labor force commuter patterns, we can draw some conclusions as to why these commuter flows have remained consistent over the last decade.

Centre County receives the largest number of commuter workers from Clearfield County, approximately 4,400 annually on average; Clearfield also has the highest unemployment rate in this regional comparison. Centre County receives the smallest number of commuter workers from Union County, approximately 200 annually on average; Union also has the lowest unemployment rate after Centre County in this comparison.

